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UNO's Mike Nizzi has a ball bounce off his hand as Minnesota-Crookston's Matt Forse defends.

Chris Machian

Student Government gets off to a good start for fall semester

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COPY EDITOR

Isn't it nice being able to use your student ID as a debit card? And aren't you pumped for this year's free admission to UNO hockey games?

These perks, and more, are because of UNO's Student Government Organization.

Each year, Student Government comes up with new ideas to enhance each student's experience at UNO.

Last semester, for example, President Jono Croskey initiated the idea of free admission to UNO hockey games. Student Government also purchased those red koozies promoting the UNO vs. UNK football game on Aug. 28. They allocated money to purchase new floor hockey sticks to support Maverick intramural sports, assisted in updating and renovating the lobby in the Criss Library on campus and supported the idea of using student ID's as debit cards.

Riling up support for Maverick athletics is one major goal of Student Government, and UNO's record-breaking crowds prove that their efforts have worked.

For the upcoming school year, Student Government plans to rile up greater support of Maverick athletics. They will also figure out more ways to support student organizations on campus.

For Student Government, there are many roles that are crucial in representing students. Continuous student attendance at Faculty Senate meetings and building better relationships with administration and students are just two of the ways they achieve this representation for

students.

The Student Government is made up of 32 senators and an executive committee of five members. They also have four agencies. The first is the American Multicultural Students Agency, which provides support, assistance and guidance to multicultural students at UNO. The second is International Student Services, which helps international students adjust to life in the United States and achieve personal educational goals while attending school at UNO. The third is the Network for disabled Students, which provides educational, informational and social resources and programs that raise awareness of UNO's diverse student population and aid in the integration of students. The final agency is the Women's Resource Center, which provides resources for women on campus, including education, programming and community referrals.

All of the money allocated for Student Government is from a portion of each student's University Programs and Facilities fees, which are a fee per credit hour that every student pays.

Anyone can join Student Government, and it's a great way to get involved and decide where your money goes. Students can run in October's election for a senate spot, or join one of Student Government's four agencies. Also, anyone interested in attending Student Government meetings is welcome. The meetings are held Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Milo Bail Student Center.

For more information on Student Government, visit <http://sguno.unomaha.edu>.

Another presidential candidate makes an appearance at UNO

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Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian candidate for president, said his campaign motto is "Lighting the fires of liberty one heart at a time," in a speech Friday afternoon at UNO at the Milo Bail Student Center.

The 50-year-old Austin, Texas native followed by jokingly saying "and this is the closest thing to getting to one heart at a time," since less than 10 people attended his stop in Omaha.

But that didn't stop Badnarik from earning applause.

Badnarik is currently one of four presidential candidates who will appear on Nebraska ballots in November, along with President Bush, John Kerry and Michael Peroutka of the Constitution Party. Badnarik is also one of five candidates who is on the ballot in enough states to theoretically win this year's election. He has obtained ballot access in 45 states, for 500 possible electoral votes.

He explained the Libertarian's overall

viewpoint simply for the audience to understand — Libertarian or not.

"In any decision about your life, either you can make the decision or let the government make the decision for you," Badnarik said. "With a Libertarian, you make your own decisions."

One of the strongest viewpoints of his campaign is bringing the American troops home from overseas.

"(More than) 50 percent (of Americans) recognize going to Iraq was a mistake," he said. "And even Bush said 'we cannot win in Iraq'."

"We made a mistake and we need to bring our troops home."

Badnarik said if elected in November, he would also strongly defend the Bill of Rights and end the plan to reinstate the draft.

"I think people of college age should be concerned (with the draft) because they could be drafted to other countries, and this election is a matter of life and death for them," he said.

Sophomore Tyler Bowman, a registered Libertarian, said he wanted to attend the

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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 14-Oct. 15 at UNO

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From Sept. 14 through Oct. 15, UNO will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the following campus events:

Today:
Office of Latino/Latin American Studies Open House
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Arts and Sciences Hall, rooms 104 and 106

Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra (in honor of Mexican Independence

Day)
7:30 p.m.
Strauss Performing Arts Center
Sept. 22
Latin Art Exhibit
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room

Sept. 29
Chomari Dance Company
Noon
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Kappa Delta Pi to Host Scholastic Book Fair today through Sept. 16

Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society at UNO, will host a scholastic book fair starting today through Sept. 16. The event will run each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Kayser Hall, room 520.

Books for all ages will be for sale. Proceeds from the fair will help fund literacy projects in the greater Omaha area schools. For more information, contact Dr. Wetig at 554-2807.

Willson Lecture Series begins Sept. 16 with Endi Poskovic

Endi Poskovic, an artist-in-residence at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, will be the featured speaker in the first fall installment of the Barbara Willson Memorial Lecture Series on Sept. 16. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 1 p.m. in the UNO Art Gallery inside the Weber Fine Arts Building.

Poskovic is an associate professor of art and director of the print media program at Whittier College in Whittier, Calif. He earned his master of fine art degree from the State University of New York in Buffalo and his bachelor of fine art degree from Academy of Fine Arts, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia.

The lecture series is sponsored by the UNO College of Fine Arts and the UNO Department of Art and Art History, in conjunction with the Friends of Art organization.

For more information, call David Helm at 554-2207.

Mav Kids Back-to-School Bash Sept. 18

The Mav Kids youth program at UNO will host a "Back-to-School Bash" on Sept. 18. The event, which will consist of a day of arts and crafts, a presentation from the Omaha Police Department and swimming - will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. It is intended for children ages six to 12.

The OPD presentation will cover a number of age-appropriate topics, including peer pressure, bullying and choice and consequences.

Space is limited to 20 children. The cost, which includes lunch, is as follows:

UNO students and UNO activity cardholders - \$14

General public - \$17

To register, stop by Room 100 in the HPER building. For more information, contact Dan Bagley at 554-4941.

International scholar lecture Sept. 22

Yaakov Iram will explore the values of multiculturalism and peace in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian case in a lecture to be held on Sept. 22.

The title of Iram's address is "Boundaries and Bridges: Education for the Coexistence and Peace—The Israeli-Palestinian Case."

Iram is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Burg Chair in Education for Human Values, Tolerance and Peace at Bar Ilan University in Israel. He is a professor of comparative and international education there and serves as chair of graduate studies and president of the Israeli Association for the History of Education and Israel Comparative Education Society.

UNO's Department of Philosophy and Religion plays host to the event at the W.H. Thompson Alumni Center at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kathy Cox Schwartz at 554-5638.

"Recruiting for Diversity" Career Fair Sept. 23

The UNO College of Education will host "Recruiting for Diversity" Thursday, Sept. 23. The event will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is designed to introduce minority high school students to the variety of employment options available in the education field.

A variety of topics will be covered, including tools for success, elementary education, secondary education, special education and career options available to

students.

Participants will meet in the MBSC Ballroom. Admission is free, and lunch will be provided. Registration forms and information can be obtained from high school counselors or by calling 554-3890.

Nominations sought for trio of Strategic Planning Awards

The campus community is dedicated to placing students first, striving for academic excellence and engaging with the community - the foundation of UNO's strategic plan.

In an effort to showcase these goals, the UNO Strategic Planning Steering Committee is seeking nominations for the newly established Strategic Planning Awards. Three awards - one representing each of the three strategic goals - will be presented annually at the Fall Convocation to student, faculty and staff units that have embraced the goals. UNO faculty, staff and students are invited to submit nominations for the Strategic Planning Awards.

For more information call Alex Adkins at 554-2535.

NBDC Business and Technology Solutions Training Center Open House Sept. 24

The Nebraska Business Development Center Business and Technology Solutions Training Center recently moved to the Education Service Unit 3 Building at 6949 S. 110th St. The center will host an open house at its new location on Sept. 24, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All members of the campus community are invited to attend.

Visitors will be able to meet the staff and tour the facility, which includes offices, classrooms and labs.

The new location is one block south of Harrison Street.

For more information, contact Chris Flott at 595-2900.

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speech because he was interested in Badnarik's viewpoints.

"I agree with everything on the platform," Bowman said. "I think it would be great if someone like this was elected."

When asked his view on abortion, Badnarik said the Libertarian view is pro-choice. "Your body is your body and it's not my job or the federal government's job to decide what you do with it," he said.

So why does Badnarik feel he should be elected?

"Because I have honesty, integrity and I have studied the Constitution for more than 20 years," he said.

"We are not raising the millions that Bush and Kerry are raising, but we are raising tens of thousands."

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Latin Dance and Music Variety
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
MBSC Nebraska Room

Oct. 12

Charla Series Kickoff—"Latino Hip-Hop: Origins & Cross-Border Trends"
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
MBSC Fireplace Lounge

Oct. 14

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11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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New Web site gives students, universities election resources

LEIA BAEZ
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Whether you are a registered voter or you don't feel your vote makes a difference, a few clicks at CollegeVote.org will give you the resources to help you decide your involvement this November.

CollegeVote.org, a centralized clearinghouse of materials to help students gain a greater understanding of the electoral process, is the first Web site of its kind designed for both college students and educators.

The new site provides models for campus programs that encourage electoral participation and curricular resources that can be used in the classroom. It also provides information about voter registration and absentee voting, including an online voter registration tool provided through a partnership with *Rock the Vote*.

With the intention to increase the number of informed college student voters by providing political information that can be used both in and out of the classroom, three graduate students from the Washington, D.C. area created the site.

"It is important for college students to understand that a strong democracy is dependent upon the informed participation of its citizens," said Noreen O'Connor, one of the founders. O'Connor is a Ph.D. candidate in Literature at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"Through the CollegeVote project, we want to encourage democratic involvement, and help students learn to see themselves as people who can have an impact upon the world."

For more information, visit www.CollegeVote.org.

Nader vows legal fight to appear on Florida ballot in November

MARIA RECIO
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

Independent candidate, Ralph Nader's, efforts to mount a credible national campaign hit another snag Thursday as he was engaged in a fierce legal battle to get back on the Florida ballot a day after a state judge there threw him off.

Nader, bitter about Democratic-led efforts to neutralize him, said he would appeal the decision denying him a ballot slot as the nominee of the Reform Party and complained to reporters Thursday about "Jim Crow ballot access laws that have absorbed our time and resources in state after state."

Nader is safely on the ballot so far in 23 states, but Democrats have succeeded in keeping him off the ballot in four key battleground states: Florida, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Arizona. The consumer activist has legal challenges around the country and still hopes to get on ballots in a total of 40 states.

But nowhere is the symbolism more important than Florida.

Nader, the Green Party nominee in the 2000 presidential race, was branded "the spoiler" by angry Democrats for siphoning votes from Democratic nominee Al Gore in Florida, which George W. Bush won by 537 votes. Nader, whose pro-environment, pro-consumer views are closer to Gore's, received 97,488 votes.

Nader rejects the notion that he was the spoiler in the last election and predicted Thursday that "the Democrats are probably going to lose" this year's election. He blamed Democratic nominee John Kerry's unwillingness to tackle corporate crime and promote domestic issues.

"The Kerry campaign has taken the corporate poison pill," Nader said.

But Democratic activists aren't taking any chances with a Nader factor, even with the most recent national polls giving him 3 percent or less in popular support.

"Florida is huge, huge," said Toby Moffett, a former Democratic congressman from Connecticut and one-time Nader associate who co-founded the Ballot Access Project that's trying to stop Nader nationwide. "Florida is not

only important for the obvious reasons but also as a symbolic victory."

In a Miami Herald/St. Petersburg Times poll conducted from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, Bush had 48 percent to Kerry's 46 percent in Florida with Nader at 2 percent. Four percent of those responding were undecided.

In two suits brought by the state Democratic Party and voters represented by the Ballot Access Project, Nader opponents argued that Nader's effort to get on the ballot on the Reform Party line was a sham. They argued that the Reform Party was not a "national" party as called for by Florida law.

In May, Nader was endorsed by the Reform Party in a teleconference call with 27 party officials. Then, to satisfy a Florida law that requires a national convention to secure a place on the ballot, the Reform Party met in a convention in Irving, Texas, to ratify its earlier endorsement. Some 60 members attended the August convention in Texas.

But Leon County Circuit Judge Kevin Davey decided against recognizing the Reform Party, which was founded by Dallas billionaire Ross Perot who ran for president in 1992 and 1996.

On Wednesday, Davey issued a temporary restraining order to keep the Florida secretary of state from certifying ballots that must be printed in time for the Sept. 18 mailings to absentee voters.

"The Reform Party is a skeleton of its former self," said Davey. "It appears that the Reform Party is no longer a national party."

However, Nader sympathizers say that five other minor parties, such as the Socialist Workers Party, qualified for the ballot in Florida, and are running presidential candidates. "It's hard for me to understand how they can claim the Reform Party isn't a party and these parties are," said Richard Winger, the editor of Ballot Access News, a newsletter on ballot issues.

Meanwhile, in Pennsylvania, a state Commonwealth Court refused to alter its order keeping Nader off the ballot. But in Oregon, where election officials had kept Nader off the ballot, a judge Thursday ordered him on it. The Oregon secretary of state is considering an appeal of that order.

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Living, studying and succeeding together

PATRICK MCGEE
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSLETTERS (KRT)

Algebra didn't seem so difficult to University of Texas at Arlington students who formed a study group to tackle the material.

"The best thing about it is the combination of minds," said Eric McMillan, 18, a freshman majoring in business. "It's great help, especially when you've got a lot of homework."

But the study group was more than just a good idea. The students are in a "living-learning community," an increasingly popular program in higher education in which students share living space, a few classes and activities in an effort to get

student success programs, said there's a study hall on each floor near the elevators, so students coming and going will see peers studying.

"We find a lot of behavior is modeled, and if they see students studying and using this space, they're going to study and use this space," Remmers said.

The programs are gaining popularity among universities and are attractive to students and parents visiting colleges. Experts praise the programs as a path to better academic performance.

David Jaffee is one of those experts, but he said there are drawbacks, too.

A sociologist by training, Jaffee coordinates



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their college careers off to a good start.

Studies show that the programs modestly help grades and graduation rates.

U-T-Arlington students interviewed said they requested a spot in Kalpana Chawla Hall, which opened this school year, to be part of the living-learning program.

"I thought by doing this it would give me an advantage," said Alistair Birch, 19, a business major.

Because McMillan and Birch have the same major, they live on the same floor and will take some of the same classes, including one led by their peer counselor, who will teach them study skills. They'll also have a faculty mentor, access to seminars about college life and activities geared toward business majors.

Aspects of the new dorm are designed for the program. Dawn Remmers, director of

a living-learning program at the University of North Florida. He said the program works but can also result in cliques that sometimes ignore or resist professors.

"It is really them against you. It can turn out that way," Jaffee said. "There's kind of the immature chattiness. They're not paying attention, they're too interested in talking to each other."

John Gardner, a senior fellow studying the freshman experience at the University of South Carolina at Columbia, said that happens from time to time but living-learning programs still help freshmen succeed.

"There are plenty of faculty that are willing to do this. This is a powerful way to teach people," he said. "Everything I know about the research of living-learning communities suggests the pain is worth the gain."

Macho men in pink

CHARLAE WASHINGTON
BLACK COLLEGE WIRE (KRT)

One glance around the Howard University campus and you might catch a glimpse of something pink. A purse, a skirt, heels, a hat, shoelaces, sneakers, a T-shirt, a dress shirt, a tie, boxers. And pink is not just for girls anymore. From the boardroom to the club, brothers are giving new meaning to the phrase "pretty in pink."

The trend is not new. According to Liz Snowden, marketing manager at the luxury shirt specialists Thomas Pink, it began in the 1990s.

"With the death of Macho Slob, Nineties Man saved the day by getting in touch with his feminine side. This was evident... by the way he groomed himself. Male moisturizers were launched; even the concept of an 'executive' manicure took off."

The adoption of the trend by the hip-hop community is due largely to rapper Cam'ron, who has been seen sporting everything from cell phones to Hummers to jeans in a rosy hue. The response to Cam'ron's style was overwhelming. Retailers across the nation began stocking their men's sections with carnation-colored items, and men starting buying.

"I (wore) a little pink before Cam'ron came out with it, but I really started wearing it more after I saw public figures wearing it," said Howard freshman Brandon Smith, sporting pink shoelaces. "(It's) in my weekly rotation. I like to be original. I like to stand out. People take notice and I like that."

With so many guys wearing pink now, the question may be, where's the originality?

"If one celebrity (is) doing something, everybody's going to do it. If it wasn't for Cam'ron, most guys wouldn't wear pink," said Howard freshman D'Anthony Gray.

However, not all men like wearing pink.

"The trend is nice, but it's not for everyone," said Gray. "I might wear a little bit of pink, but it depends on the occasion."

With pink being a traditionally feminine color, some question the masculinity of the men wearing it.

"Pink doesn't undermine my masculinity. The average dude might question it, but I'm not trying to impress him," Smith said.

According to Snowden, the man wearing pink exudes confidence. The man who wears it successfully has no insecurities about the "feminine" color.

"Pink has become a classic color, and the majority of people no longer look upon a man in a pink shirt as being daring or risque. It is an easy color to pull off and therefore appeals to many men."

Smith said he was not worried about anyone misconstruing his apparel.

"I (don't) care what dudes think," Smith said. "It's all about what the ladies think." And the ladies like it sometimes.

"Pink looks nice on certain guys. It just depends," said freshman Alisha Brown.

Freshman Michelle Wilson agreed.

"Guys wearing pink (says) they're not afraid to wear a color that was traditionally for girls. But I think some guys should stay away from it," she said.

The consensus seems to be that while wearing pink is peachy, knowing where to draw the line is key. "One or two pink items is OK, but a pink outfit with accessories is a bit much," Wilson said.

Smith said he recognizes its limits.

"I wouldn't wear pink to a business meeting or a wedding. I would never wear a pink suit, because it's really gaudy. I wouldn't wear a pink T-shirt because they're cheap looking," Smith said.

Most fashion trends have short life spans. Will pink's popularity last?

"I'll eventually get tired of it and want to do something else," Smith said.

"I think it'll last as long as Cam'ron is doing it," Gray countered.

Whether or not the trend is here to stay, it is breaking down fashion-gender barriers. And it might even be paving the way for more novel styles.

Stop your arms from jiggling

NANCY COLE
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSLETTERS (KRT)

Are you having a tough time getting your triceps in tip-top shape? This might be a good time to tinker with your training.

Utilizing tried and true exercises to target your triceps is very effective. However, by

taking the time to think about your training goals, you can assess your weakness and make the proper adjustments to those exercises to achieve your desired muscularity. By tweaking your weight and repetition scheme, you can make maximum headway with this three-headed muscle.

While women wish to jilt the upper arm jiggle and finely define the shape of their arms, most men seek to strengthen and build their triceps. Unfortunately, women have the more difficult task. You can't get rid of that arm flab without top-notch nutrition and cardio. And only through resistance training will you get that sculpted shape. Increasing the weight and decreasing the number of repetitions will build the muscle, while decreasing the weight and increasing the repetitions will define and striate the triceps.

The double-arm French press is a typical triceps exercise. Try it!

While standing with your feet in a comfortable position either together or hip-width apart with your knees soft and abs tight, grasp a dumbbell overhead in both hands with the inside surface against your supinated palms. Your fingertips should be touching and surrounding the head of the dumbbell.

Keeping your upper arms close to your ears, lower your forearms behind your head. Reach down as far as you can without moving your upper arms. Then return to the starting position by squeezing your triceps to raise the dumbbell back up. Do not lock out your elbows at the top of the movement. Try three to four sets with the appropriate number of repetitions and weight with respect to your goal.

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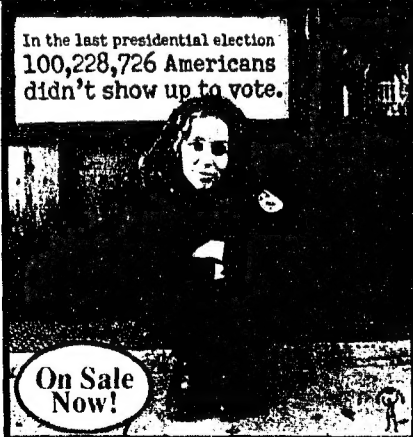
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HEATHER SVOKOS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

While your dad is slipping into his "Bush Kills Terrorists Dead" T-shirt, you're across town tightening the strings on your "Anyone But Bush" hoodie, rolling your eyes at your spouse's smart new messenger bag, the yellow one with the logo: "Vote For GW: Say NO to Mr. Ketchup."

In this election year, the load of political attire online is staggering: bibs, bags, tees, ties, lunchboxes, shirts for your dog. And the list takes some pretty weird turns. There are "thongs," people. Thongs!

The 2004 presidential campaign is setting a new bar—clothes bar—for political couture.

"Because more people are using the Web, the campaigns are also using the Web as a tool for outreach," says Maheesh Jain, a co-founder of Cafe Press, an online clearinghouse for all manners of merchandise. "So you have a lot more political discussion happening online."

And so follows the merchandise.

Not every T-shirt or ball cap is touting Bush or Kerry. Some groups transcend party lines to spread a simple, cheery message: Vote or Die.

That's the slogan of the nonpartisan Citizen Change, founded by music mogul P. Diddy, and backed up by the likes of Mary J. Blige and 50 Cent. The group aims to "hip young people to the hustle of the politics by educating them about the power of their vote."

But most of the online garb does push a narrow agenda, such as Right Wing Stuff and the Austin-based See Ya George, run by a company called Two Unemployed Democrats.

Slogans range from the relatively straightforward (Luvya Dubya; Re-defeat Bush) to the clever and subversive (Not Fonda Kerry; John Kerry: Bringing Complete Sentences Back to the White House). Of course, there's always room for the tasteless and bizarre: witness the thong that announces, "I Am Pro-Stem Cell Research." (Trust us, that only broaches the threshold of tasteless.)

Whatever your proclivity, it's all there if you dare to wear your politics on your sleeve,

your noggin, or just maybe, your "tuchis."

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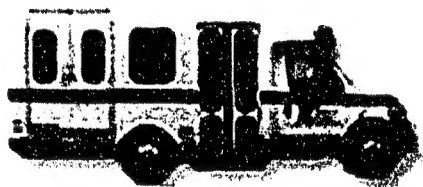
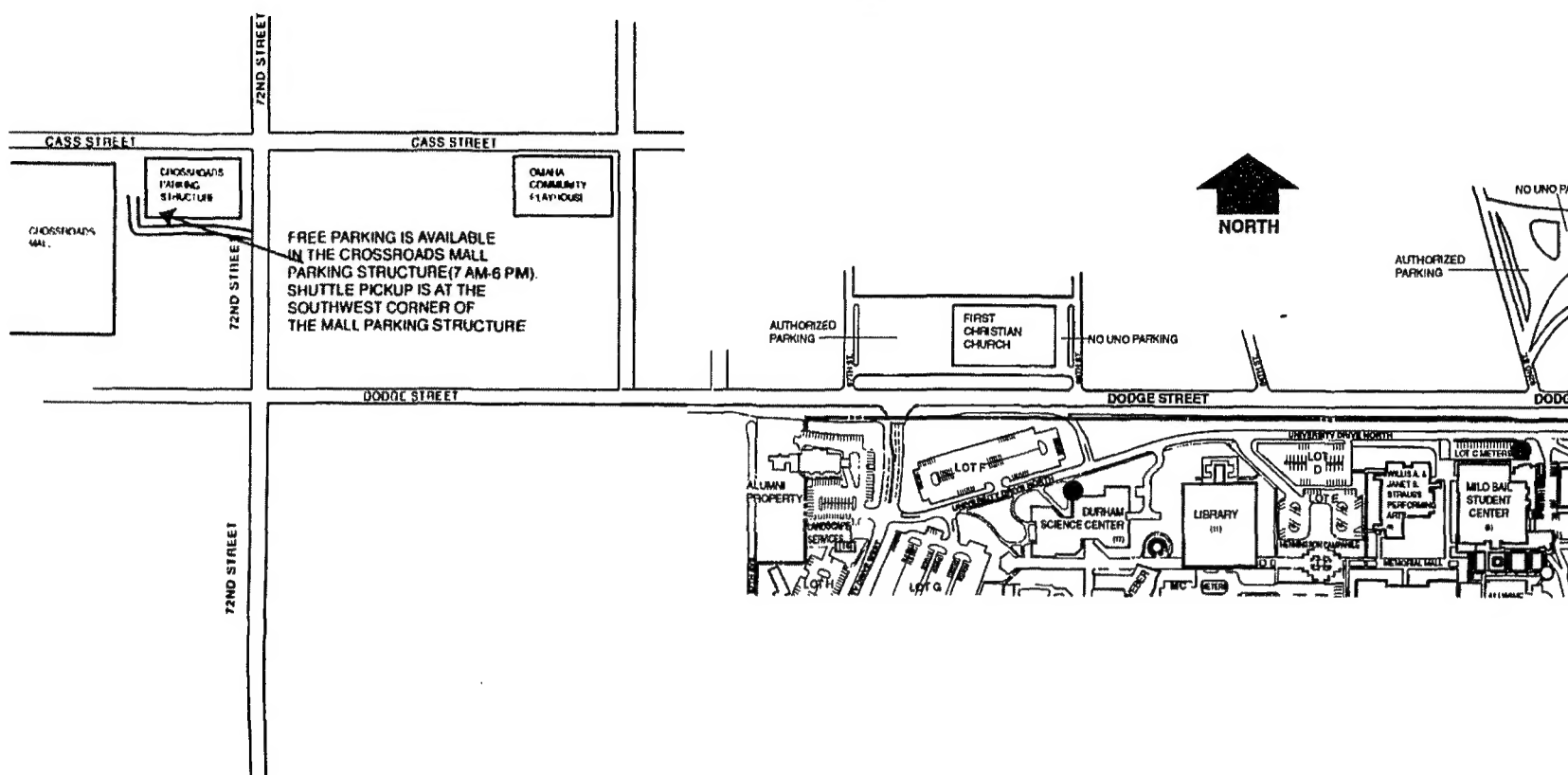
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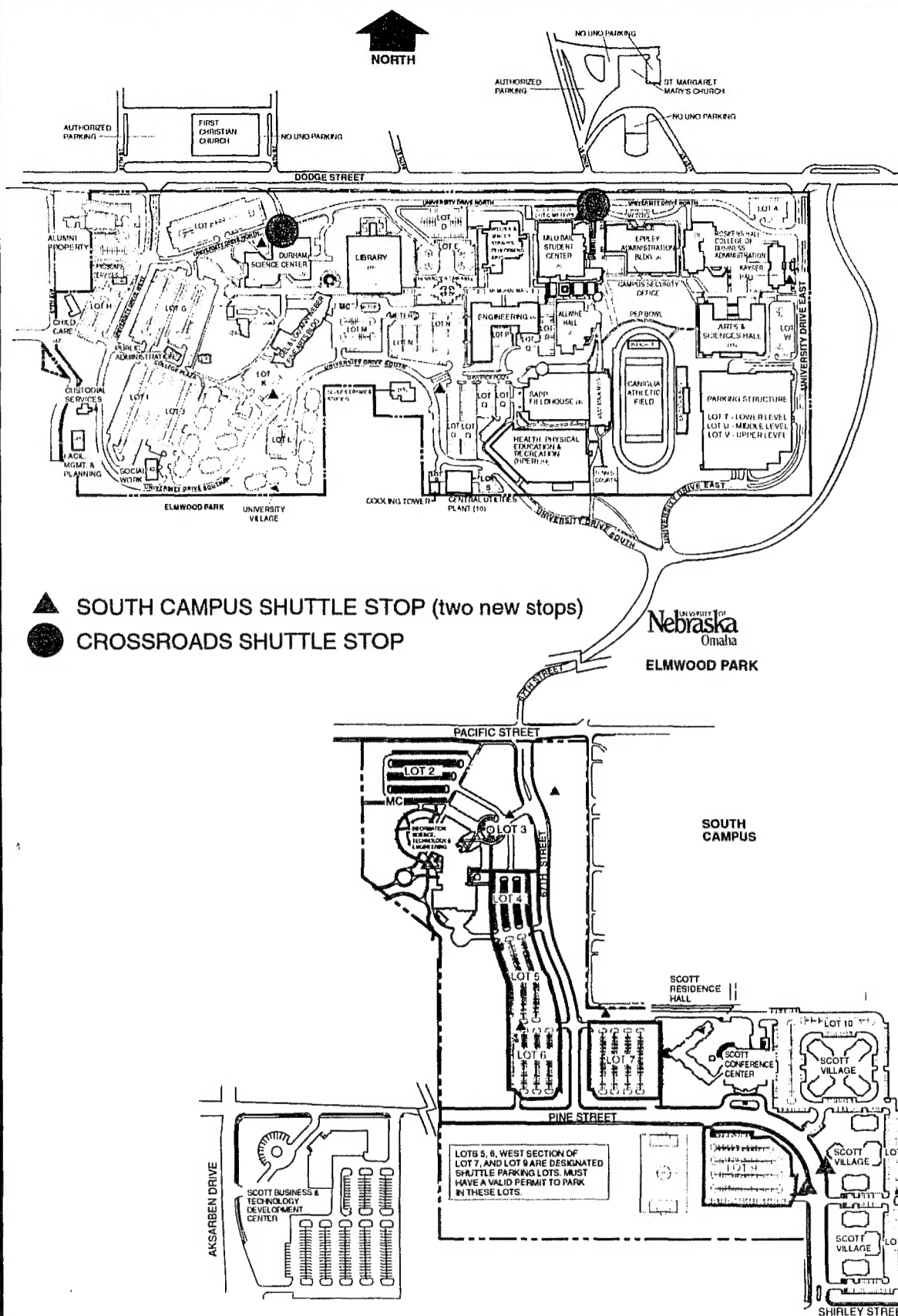
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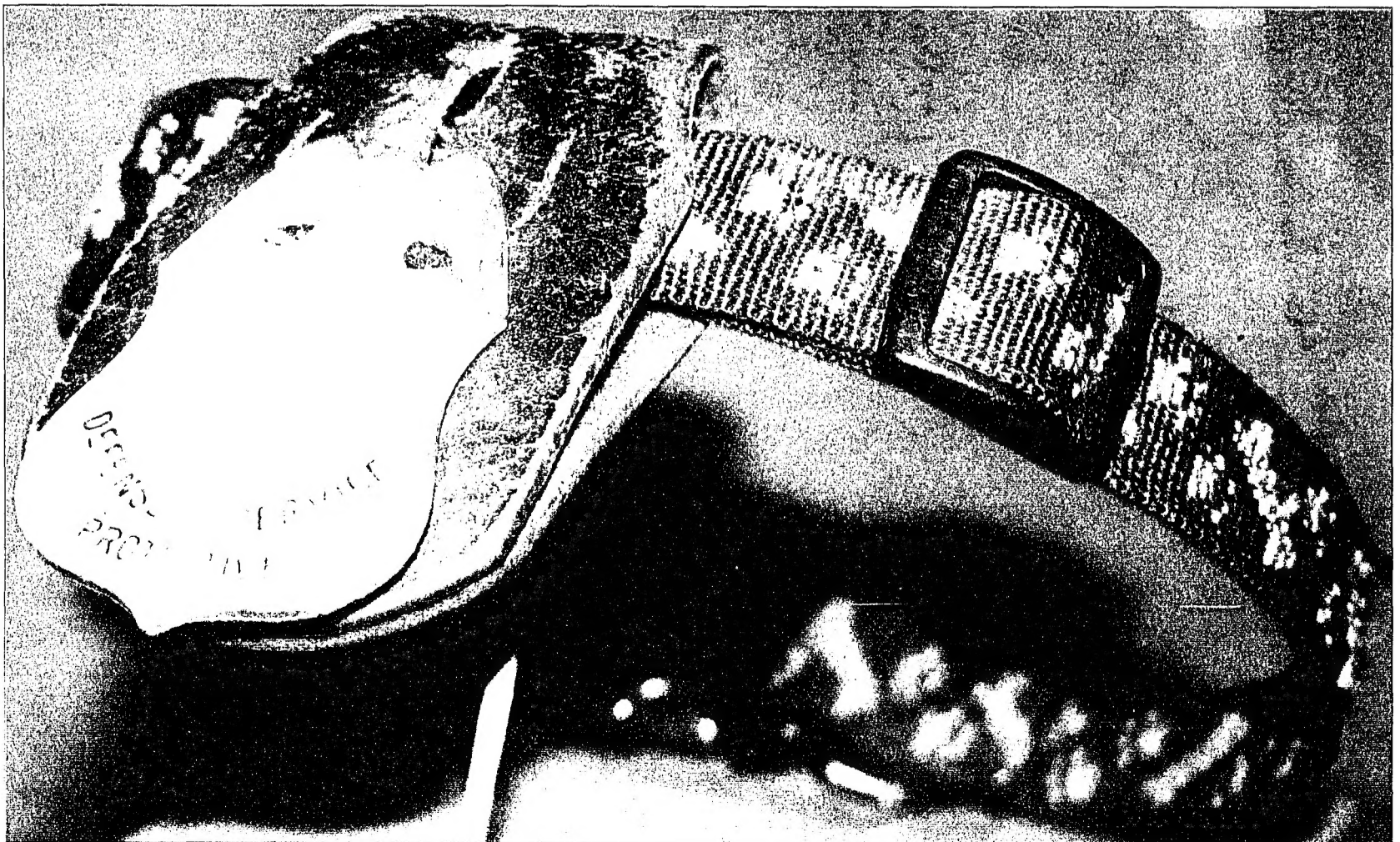


September 11, 2001:



Theodora Elston's "Unity" (left) and Thomas Mann's "Untitled" are part of a collection from more than 60 artists that contributed to the "9/11: Artists Respond" exhibit at the Durham Western Heritage Museum. The exhibit continues until Oct. 17, 2004.

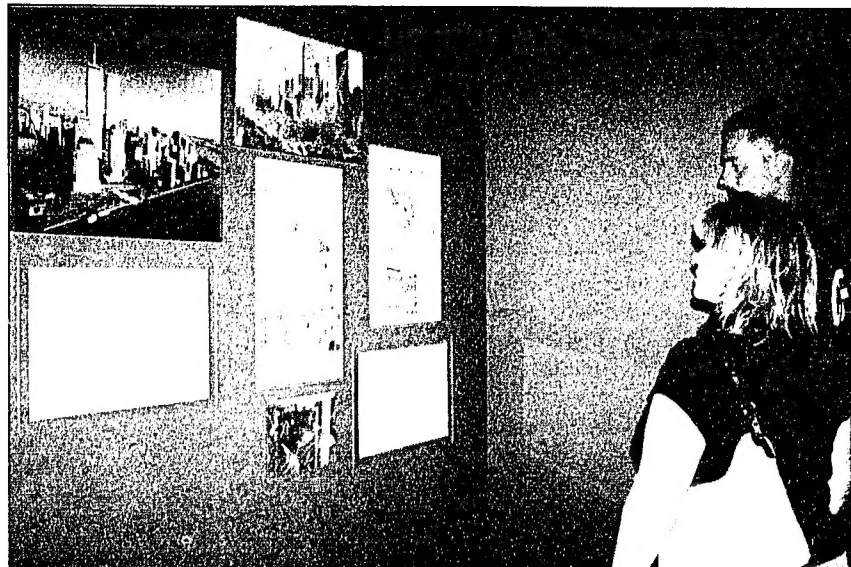
A dog collar and shield from Vito, a trained bomb-sniffing dog, is part of the "September 11, 2001 - Tragedy, Rescue and Remembrance" exhibit at the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Vito helped rescue workers search for victims after the tragedy.



A day not to be forgotten.



A crumpled slice of exterior sheathing from the World Trade Center is on display at the Durham Western Heritage Museum.



Scott and Sherry Schluchter examine part of the "September 11, 2001 - Tragedy, Rescue and Remembrance" exhibit at the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Items on exhibit are on loan from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum and National Museum of American History. The exhibit continues until Jan. 30, 2005.

All photos by Michelle Bishop

Comedian Michelle Garb,
a recovering anorexic, has created

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Resident Evil 2: Apocalypse eats its way to top

REVIEW BY AMANDA GOREY
STAFF WRITER

Resident Evil 2: Apocalypse works well for the most part. It does a decent job of incorporating some aspects of the video game without mimicking the game plot identically, as well as tying the two movies together and explaining how this zombieified, high velocity threat began in the first place.

Converting a video game or comic book into a movie is a tough sell. Your target audience—the fanboys—are the ones most likely to be overly critical of what each fan has preconceived into their mind as the way it's supposed to happen. The film manages to attract and appeal to the action movie fan in a tight zombie context.

RE2 picks up where its predecessor left off: Alice (played by Milla Jovovich) awakes in Raccoon City, a city of the ravenous walking dead. Major Cain, played by Thomas Kretschmann (*The Pianist*), released the "T-virus" on the city when going below to the Umbrella Corporation's biologic weapon division called "The Hive." Cain is supervising the evacuation of the city

and containment of the epidemic. When the process fails, he orders a complete lockdown of the city and decides to use it as a testing facility for his latest genetically-engineered weapon—dubbed "Nemesis"—in a role filled by Matthew G. Taylor.

Our heroine, Alice, who was captured and genetically modified herself, teams with STARS officer Jill Valentine, played by Sienna Guillory (*Time Machine*) and Umbrella Corporation security officer Carlos Olivera

played by Oded Fehr (*The Mummy*). While trapped in a city of blood thirsty zombies, the



courtesy photo

group is contacted by the creator of the T-virus, Dr. Ashford—played by Jared Harris (*Ighy Goes Down*)—who will help the group escape the city if they locate and save his daughter, Angie.

The film has a lot of action sequences, but the camera work is... questionable. A large portion of the fight scene camera work was ambiguous and lacked coherence. There was not much in the way of blood and gore. However, there were plenty of people-munching scenes (a requisite

for any film containing zombies).

Another bothersome detail: without seeing the first film, a viewer is left with no idea as to why the Lickers (mutated monsters) are present—or what they are, for that matter—unless you can just accept that they are just something icky and out to kill. Something else to note: virtually every person on staff with the evil Umbrella Corporation is foreign, and the security staff for the most part was Russian. Could that suggest a hidden message/meaning?

Something fabulous: in this day of extreme overuse of Computer Generated Imagery in films, the Nemesis is an actor in makeup and costume. In fact, the majority of the sequences and monster effects were done traditionally: zombies, killer dogs, monsters. The Lickers may have been the only CGI creatures throughout.

Final verdict: Don't go see this movie expecting an artistic masterpiece, but instead an entertaining escape into action and zombies. You'll come away a happy movie goer. *RE2* far exceeded a large amount of Hollywood tripe that has been flung upon the masses this summer.

The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra DVD proves good comedy not lost

REVIEW BY RAE LICARI
STAFF WRITER

It takes a certain measure of inspired genius to be able to make a movie that is at the same time terrible and wonderful. Writer/director Larry Blamire has that kind of brilliance, as evidenced in the film *The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra*.

"Wait - Larry who? Lost skeleton of what?" you ask, and rightfully so. *Skeleton* is Blamire's first film, and Blamire—like much of the rest of the cast—is a relative unknown in the film industry, which makes *Skeleton's* accomplishment that much more amazing.

And don't be surprised if this is the first you've heard of this movie; *Skeleton* had a very limited theatrical release, which did not, of course, include Omaha. I happened upon the movie quite on accident while in Chicago for

spring break last March, and eagerly awaited its DVD release.

"Tell me more," you say? Well, I suppose I would have to back up to the '50s and '60s, when cheaply-made, low-budget, low-talent black and white sci-fi/horror B-movies were as common as today's homemade Web pages full of bad, angst-filled teen poetry. These films, which all sported titles following a "the thing that came from somewhere" formula, showcased bad acting, cheap, homemade props and monster costumes. They usually introduced a mad scientist character somewhere in the plot, which was usually pretty thin. This film sub-genre and the movies it spawned provided countless Saturday afternoons of entertainment to the children of that time period, as well as those of the decades to come. I know I spent many weekends of my own childhood watching B-movies in all their grainy, black and white glory on television (remember when the AMC channel actually played movies?).

This is the legacy carried forward into the 21st century by *The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra*. Make no mistake; this film is bad, but purposely so, and therein lies the comedy.

Blamire also stars in the film as Dr. Paul Armstrong, a scientist in search of a meteor that contains a rare

element called atmosphereum. His wife Betty (Fay Masterson), a *Stepford Wives*-meets-*Donna Reed* character, is along for the ride in heels, pearls and a poofy dress, constantly urging her husband not to work so hard. Armstrong, however, insists he needs to "do science" for the good of humankind, especially since this finding of atmosphereum will provide such a breakthrough for science.

Ah, but there's another, evil scientist, Dr. Roger Fleming (Brian Howe), bent on finding the atmosphereum first and using it to raise the Lost Skeleton of Cadavra, with whom he then plans to rule the world. Add to this mix a pair of aliens named Kro-Bar and Lattis (Andrew Parks and Susan McConnell), who crash-land on Earth and misplace their pet mutant (Darren Reed), and a half-woman, half-four different



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you have 90 minutes of utter celluloid hilarity.

The skeleton itself—obviously one of those plastic, high school biology lab models, manipulated with clear fishing line—absolutely steals the show. The skeleton has the best, biting lines like "Oh, it's you, the stupid one" and "That is for you to find out, not my problem," most of which are aimed at Roger, the target of much of the skeleton's abuse throughout the film.

The rest of the cast does an amazing job of acting like they don't know how to act; you'll find yourself actually believing these people have no previous theatrical experience. Such a task is difficult to pull off, but the cast of *Lost Skeleton* makes it look as easy as falling off a cliff.

The DVD comes with a nice package of special features: commentary tracks; an old-school style trailer; an "Obey the Lost Skeleton!" featurette; an outtakes reel that almost funnier than the entire movie; and several others.

Bottom line: If you're a fan of old B-movies, or if you have a sense of humor, you must see this film. As the DVD case boasts, "It's one of the most original, clever, and hilarious comedies to come along in eons of your Earth years!" How true.

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Maverick football team up 2-1 after Saturday's game

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 22 UNO Mavericks were victorious in Saturday's game against Minnesota-Crookston, with UNO winning 51-13. Brian Masek, Maverick junior quarterback, tied a school record with four touchdown passes and ran for two more in Saturday's game at Caniglia Field. The victory

was a much-needed bounce back from the unbelievable loss to Indiana-Pittsburgh 51-13 the game before. The win lifts the Mavericks to 2-1 while the Golden Eagles fell to a 0-2 ranking. It was the first meeting ever between the two schools in football.

UNO came out scoring often and quickly, going down the field 58 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown taking up 5:51 on the play clock and scoring a touchdown on their opening drive. The 17-yard touchdown pass was the first touchdown catch for Austin Parks in his Maverick career. The Mav defense forced a punt from the Golden Eagles. Three plays and 80 yards later, the Mavericks put another seven on the board. Again, the touchdown was scored on a pass to Parks, 74 yards, doubling his touchdowns on the season in a little over five minutes.

Andy Severson's first field goal of the year, a 40-yarder, gave UNO a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter and senior defensive back James I. Johnson gobbled up a loose ball and dashed into the end zone to



Chris Machian

Jeffrey Phelps (left) tries to tackle Calvin McMullen. The Mavericks won Saturday's game against Minnesota - Crookston 51-13.



Chris Machian

Shawn Ostlund rolls out of bounds and right into head coach Pat Behrens.

make it 24-0 after Randy Stella blocked a UMC punt. Three minutes later, Masek connected with Mike Nizzi for a 24-yard touchdown pass to make it 31-0.

With turnovers still an issue for the Mavericks, UMC got on the board by taking advantage of a pair of UNO turnovers. Maverick back-up quarterback Brandon

Fasavalu's short pass was picked off by Matt Forse and returned 79 yards to the UNO seven, where he was run down by Kyle Kasperbauer. But UMC fumbled the ball away on the UNO 6 three plays later. On the next series, Fasavalu was sacked and fumbled and UMC's Nate Spatz recovered at the Mav 3. UMC's RJ. Rollins scored on fourth down

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Mav soccer team sustains two victories and one loss in weekend play



Michelle Bishop

UNO's Molly Herzberg (right) defends the Maverick's backfield against a Truman State attacker.

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mavericks ended their winning streak, but started a new one as UNO lost to Truman State Saturday 1-0, but bounced back against Central Missouri State 4-1 on Sunday.

The victory was sweet, but unfortunately the Mavericks were not the ones celebrating when the game was over as No. 8 Truman State defeated the Mavericks 1-0, Saturday at the UNO Classic on Ak-Sar-Ben field. Truman State snapped a four-game losing skid to the No. 16 Mavericks. Saturday was the first time in the last five games against UNO that Truman State scored a goal. The Mavs have ended the Bulldogs' season the last two years by knocking them out of the NCAA Tournament, last year in the Central

Region semifinals and in the opening game of NCAA tournament play in 2002.

The last time UNO lost at home was on Oct. 11, 2000 against Rockhurst, 2-1, though they did tie a game against Metro State at nil on Sept. 28, 2003.

Through halftimethegamewasscoreless, but at the 47:54 mark, Truman State's Sara Murray broke free through the center and shot the ball right over UNO goalkeeper Amy Price. The Mavericks did attempt a late game run, but even with Truman State goalkeeper Lauren Davis down on the ground, the Mavericks could not convert. Despite out shooting the Bulldogs 13-7, the Mavericks were unable to connect. Davis stopped 13 UNO shots as she garnered the shutout, her third of the season. UNO goalkeeper Amy Price recorded six saves for UNO.

Only four matches into the season, the Mavericks (2-2-0) are at .500 for the first time since the team's inaugural year in 1999.

On Sunday, UNO took on Central Missouri State, who lost to Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday 3-1 in the UNO Classic. Hoping to begin a new winning streak at Ak-Sar-Ben Field, UNO beat the Jennies 4-1. UNO has defeated Central Missouri each of the five times they have met, including 10-0 rout in 2003.

UNO scoring began in the sixth minute of play with Brandie Beale connecting on a pass from Molly Herzberg. Less than seven minutes later, freshman defender Dani McCawley added a goal on a pass from Amber Richardson. The Jennies cut the Maverick lead to one in the 20th minute as Josie Vanwey scored on a long shot from the sideline. Late goals by Ali Portell and Anne Willrett sealed the victory for the now 3-2-0 Mavericks. Price collected two saves in 80 minutes of play; Ellen Petersen replaced Price for the last 10 minutes of play but recorded no saves.

The Mavericks next action comes this Saturday against Southwest Baptist and on Sunday against Missouri Southern. Both games are at Ak-Sar-Ben at 1 p.m.

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Volleyball team sweeps away the competition during weekend play

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

Sweeping away the competition, the Maverick Volleyball team cruised by Northern State, 3-0, and Winona State, 3-0 Friday and Bemidji State, 3-1, Saturday. The Mavericks competed in the North Central Region Crossover Friday and Saturday at Northern State University's Barnett Center in Aberdeen, S.D. The Crossover put teams from the North Central Conference against teams of the Northern Sun Conference, the two conferences that comprise the NCAA Division II North Central Region.

In Friday's opener, the Mavericks took on host team Northern State, sweeping them away 30-25, 32-30 and 30-1. Senior Amy McLeay led the Mavericks, recording her fourth 20-kill game with 21 kills, eight digs and a .341 hitting percentage. Junior Christie Johnson earned a team-leading nine digs with 44 assists, while Junior Jenny Rankin added nine kills and four digs. Freshman Carlie Christensen pounded seven kills and a .462 hitting percentage with only one error in 13 attempts.

In the final game of the match, the Mavericks outthit the Wolves .462 to .076 with Northern State committing 10 hitting errors compared to only two hitting errors by the Mavericks.

In Friday's nightcap, the Mavericks earned the second sweep of the day,

sweeping Winona State 30-25, 30-27, 30-26.

For the match, the Mavericks nearly dominated in every statistical category with a .159 to .049 advantage in hitting percentage and a 57-42 edge in digs.

Leading the Mavericks, Rankin had five blocks and three digs, McLeay registered a double-double with 10 kills and 11 digs and Junior Chelsea Miller had 19 digs.

In their final game of the North Central Region Crossover, the Mavs took on Bemidji State Saturday afternoon. UNO had a little trouble with Bemidji, needing four games to win the match 3-1, (30-18, 22-30, 30-13, 30-24). The Mavericks left the Crossover undefeated and improved to 8-3 on the season, only four wins shy of last year's total wins.

Junior Briana Ritter pounded 14 kills while recording a career-high five service aces and six blocks in the victory. McLeay was one dig shy of another double-double with 14 kills, nine digs and two blocks. Johnson dished out 45 set assists, while leading the Mavericks defensively with a career-high 17 digs. Rankin was the third Maverick with double-figure kills as she tallied 11 kills, two digs and two blocks. The Mavericks outblocked the Beavers 18 to 11 in the match while holding a .240 to .110 advantage in hitting percentage.

The Mavericks next match is Sept. 21, when they travel to Wayne State to take on the Wildcats at 7 p.m.

Maverick golf team takes first, third place at UNK Triangular

ANGIE PECK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mavericks took first and third in the UNK Triangular at Yankee Hill Country Club in Lincoln. UNO's black team finished second in a dual with Winona State.

The 18-hole, UNK Triangular was supposed to feature the University of Nebraska-Kearney, UNO and Missouri Western State but Missouri Western dropped out earlier last week. The Mavericks filled the void MWS left with the UNO black team.

The Maverick's red team included Tanis Hastmann, Kim Kuchar, Ashley Sipe, Amanda Stock and Lindsay Newton while UNO's black team, comprised Carly Froehlich, Lindsey Herrera, Amber Dodge, Kate O'Dea and Allyson Yung.

Hastmann shot an 85 and Kuchar an 86, leading UNO to a 350-358 win over Kearney while the UNO Black Team picked up 366. The normally difficult course was made a little harder

by intense wind on Friday. Helping the Mavericks, Ashley Sipe added an 88, Amanda Stock a 91 and Lindsay Newton a 98 for the Mavericks. UNO's black team members shot 366, led by Froehlich at 88. Sara Wolfe shot 89, Herrera 94, O'Dea 95 and Allison Yung 96.

UNK's Bobbi Kosch shot an 84 to earn medallist honors. In her collegiate debut, UNK's Leslie Simmons tied Hastmann for runner-up honors at 85.

UNO competed Saturday in a meet against Winona State University in Okoboji, Iowa. Allyson Yung fired an 80 at Saturday's meet to lead the Mavericks red team and earned medallist honors as the Mavericks dueled Winona State. The other red team scores included Froehlich 82, Herrera 84, Dodge 85 and O'Dea 88. The UNO Black team scores included an 84 by Lynn Mulligan and an 85 by Mallery Poland. Rebecca Hipp and Mandy Houtz each shot 88.

The Maverick's golf team's next action is on Friday against Wayne State in Wayne, Neb.

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from the one.

Masek was tacked on his two scoring runs in the third quarter. He was three rushing yards short of a 100 yard game before he loss five-yards on a sac. That was the first time this season the Mavericks have not had a 100-yard rusher. Rollins scored again on a 14-yard run four plays after the Eagles recovered a fumbled punt by the Mavericks' Jeremy Anderson.

Masek's record-tying TD toss to Nizzi, a 60-yarder, came with just under nine minutes

left. He now shares the record with seven other Mavericks, the most recent being Josh Luetdke in 1994.

Parks finished with three catches for 97 yards and Nizzi with two for 84. UNO gained 453 yards in total offense and held UMC to just 111. Rollins led UMC with 70 rushing yards on 17 attempts.

The Mavericks will play their first road game of the season this Saturday when they visit Western Washington. Game time is at 3 p.m. CDT in Bellingham, Wash.

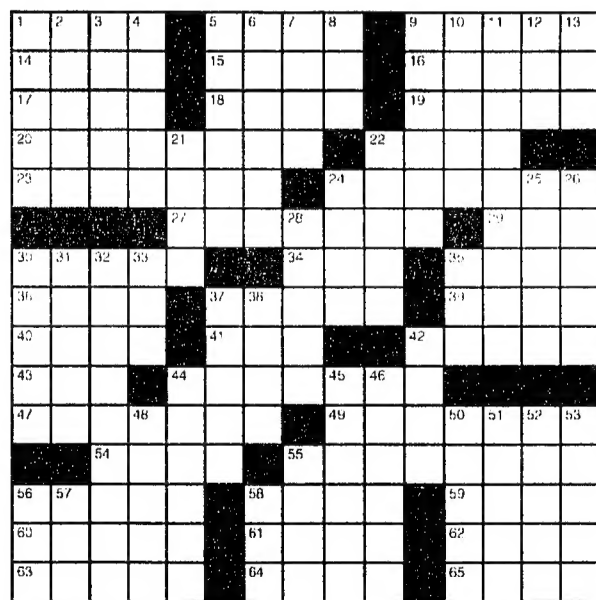
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The Domino Effect: When a first date goes wrong

COLUMN BY ANDY CRNIC

It seemed like the perfect June evening for my first real date, the kind where you pick up the girl and take her somewhere. I had gotten tickets to a night session College World Series game featuring the LSU Tigers and decided to take her along.

However, I couldn't know until the night was over that this would be no ordinary date.

I was 16 and it was time for me to go on a real date. I was to pick up "Jenny" at her house in the Dundee area of Omaha, which was not a problem; I knew where she lived.

The first problem arose when I realized that, although I had been to many CWS games before, I had never driven there myself. I also had never begun the journey to Rosenblatt Stadium from the Dundee area because my parents lived in West Omaha.

I picked her up and we headed east. I thought finding the stadium would be no problem. I was wrong. When we got to Abbott Drive, I was kind of on the right track...except I was on the wrong side of town. At this point I decided it was time to stop and figure out our location.

As is often the case with the male species, I drove us around lost for about 40 minutes before I stopped to ask someone where I was and how to get where I was going.

I may have been only 16, but I'd already developed my "I know where we are" complex.

By this time, "Jenny" was becoming restless. I knew I needed to get us to the game as soon as possible before this

date took a nosedive.

Needless to say, we finally reached the area around the stadium and needed to find a place to park. We found a house where the owner was cramming as many vehicles into his backyard as possible. The price was \$5. It seemed like a good deal.

However, by packing cars into his backyard, there was no way to get vehicles out without moving the other ones. This is when the follies really began. The man made me leave my keys on the floor of my truck so he could move it if he needed to. He seemed like a nice enough guy, so I threw my keys on the floor, *locked the door*, and headed toward the stadium.

Therein lays the problem. Usually a person doesn't want to lock his keys in his truck, especially when he's miles away from home, but that's exactly what I did. I called everywhere I could think of to find my mom or dad so they could come down and unlock the truck. I finally reached my dad, who agreed to take care of it. Great, disaster averted; or so I thought.

When we walked into the stadium, we immediately searched for our seats. They turned out to be right behind the third base line and the LSU dugout. The seats were excellent, and I had to thank my mom for waiting in line for the tickets when they went on sale. I loved LSU baseball at the time and every year she tried to get tickets so I could watch them play.

The seats also happened to be one row behind a gentleman with a prosthetic left leg. Not that odd of a situation, right? If you said "Not really," you're wrong. This man, who

also was an LSU fan, liked to take off his leg and wave it around in the air whenever LSU did something good. The Tigers must have scored a lot of runs that night because that leg was in the air more often than it was attached to his body. It was kind of funny and my date and I appreciated the light heartedness of a man waving his fake leg in the air like a team flag.

I don't remember two details of the story: who played against LSU and who won the game. Nonetheless, the game ended and we went to the will-call window to get the spare key. After we got the key we began our walk back to the truck.

The truck I was driving at the time was a 1996 Dodge Ram. Most people don't learn to drive on a brand new vehicle, let alone a full-size truck. I did. Big mistake. It was a nice truck when I started driving it but over time, I inflicted several thousands of dollars of body damage.

We got into the truck to head home, and I reached under the seat for the faceplate for the stereo. To my surprise, it was missing. Immediately, I became enraged. My only thought was that no-good, scum-bag homeowner had stolen my stereo. When I went to the front of the house to confront him, no one was home. This would turn out to be a good thing. For had he been home, I would have wrongly accused him of something I would later find out he had nothing to do with.

Now, back at the truck and thoroughly agitated, I began to back out of his yard. Not caring about anything at this point, I managed to run the front left fender of the truck along a

chain-link fence thus creating a four-foot scratch in the truck. My luck that started out low had only gotten worse. Murphy's Law says anything that can go wrong will go wrong. There's a great amount of truth in that statement.

I can't even begin to wonder how "Jenny" was feeling at this point, sitting in the truck next to some crazy person. I only knew it was time for this date to be over.

Finally we got out of the stadium area and aimed toward her house. Upon arrival there, I had the privilege of telling the story of our date to her parents, who were surprisingly comforting. I decided to make a phone call home to tell my parents what had happened.

This is the point in the story when you wish you had controlled the rage that caused you to put the \$750 scratch in the vehicle. (It's easier to blame the rage than take responsibility for being a fool.)

As it turned out, for the purpose of staving off a would-be thief, my dad had removed the stereo when he came to unlock the truck. It would have been nice if he would have left a note or something. It could have put a lid on some of the rage.

Ultimately, I had let a series of bad incidents get the best of me. I had also shown this girl an ugly side that I wished I hadn't. I'm usually not that way. I probably don't have to say that was the last date I took that innocent girl on.

I believe my dim-witted shenanigans that night were enough torture.

Candidates flip-flop as democracy flounders in presidential election

OPINION BY MELANIE WILLIAMS

Last week, I heard more diversionary banter as George Bush and John Kerry worked hard to convince us they offer better safety, strength and democracy than the other. To listen to these men, one must divest themselves of logic, fact and critical thinking skills. We must become zombie-like and believe it's true simply because they say it. They frame the discussion, even though it's divisive and inaccurate.

Kerry spoke to the Congressional Black Caucus about how black votes should be counted in this next election. What a novel idea. (Are we living in some parallel universe? I thought the Civil Rights Movement addressed black suffrage years ago). He was, of course, referring to the memorable events in Florida at the end of the 2000 presidential election when Bush's "friends-and-family-in-high-places" illegally prevented

thousands of black voters from casting their ballots while both Democratic and Republican representatives did nothing to stop Bush from subsequently taking over the White House in a nifty coup.

Actually, Kerry stopped short of implicating *himself*, managing to avoid responsibility for his own complicity during this serious attack on our electoral process. The painful irony, as we learned from Michael Moore's film, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, is that when the Congressional Black Caucus tried desperately and in vain to enter official protest, not one senator (and it would have taken only one) would sign on to officially enter those protests into record and allow discussion. As a reminder, both Kerry and John Edwards, along with 98 others, were senators at the time. The scene was chilling and does not speak well for democracy or freedom in America.

Do the members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the thousands of American citizens who were denied their right to vote EVER forget something like that? Maybe they can if they take "The Blue Pill."

But many of us are choosing to wake up to reality, as ugly as it may be, not because it's fun, but because that is our responsibility as Americans

in keeping our government honest and our democratic systems intact.

Historically, the condition of honesty in government rarely comes without a fight and a lot of sacrifice by a few principled people who are, at first, isolated, ostracized and even crucified. (There are plenty of corresponding lessons to be drawn from religious stories, if that comparison helps. I've often postulated that Jesus was actually targeted after he banished the moneychangers, thereby ticking off the wrong people. It's always about money. Money and honesty serve different interests).

So, back to the show, otherwise known as the campaign trail. Gleefully pouncing upon Kerry's record of "flip-flopping" regarding his withdrawal of support for attacking Iraq, Bush flaunted Friday, "If John Kerry had his way, Saddam Hussein would still be in power." People in his audience cheered, of course.

I was so impressed. My immediate thought was "Wow, that is really twisted and convoluted."

Yes, if we hadn't have been misled into an illegal war on a sovereign nation based on lies and distortions, 1,000 Americans would still be alive, as would many thousands of Iraqi people who died as a direct result of this pre-emptive war, and we would still have over \$200 billion of hard-earned tax dollars to spend on access to healthcare, our nation's schools and "homeland security."

Bush is getting used to having his cake and eating it, too. He reminds me of a grown version of Harry Potter's spoiled bully-cousin Dudley Dursley in the *Harry Potter* stories. Regardless of how unjust and outrageous his behavior, he is coddled by his parents and allowed his excesses.

Considering the notion of "liberating Iraq" was never the reason Americans agreed to an unrelated, preemptive war in the first place, Bush actually holds the top award for "The Most Deadly and Expensive Flip-Flop." And that doesn't seem to be ending anytime soon.

A few corporate giants connected with Cheney and the Bush family are financial winners, though. They received no-bid contracts and benefited from all that money Bush wrangled from our cow-eyed representatives. When anyone says those billions are to support our troops, demand proof. I have heard horror stories of missed paychecks and under-equipped soldiers stationed in Iraq. We have no idea how the money is being used or what is really going on.

One thing we do know: facts come hard these days. They have to be wrested from clenched fists, because apparently this administration doesn't understand it is hired by the American people and must obey the rules of our Constitution.

Even if one thinks Bush sincerely acted on information he believed to be accurate (and there is plenty of evidence

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Tues., Sept. 14th

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9 am Staff Advisory Council
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4 pm UNO Colorguard
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7:30 pm Greek Endeavor
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., Sept. 15th

11 am Special Education
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Sigma Lambda Beta
4:30 pm Pan African Student Organizations
5 pm Chancellor's Dinner
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
6 pm Panhellenic Recruitment
7 pm Campus Free Thought Alliance

Thurs., Sept. 16th

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3:30 pm Music Department
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm Student Government

Fri., Sept. 17th

8:30 am Women of Color
9 am Panhellenic
12 noon AA
12 noon UNO Black Women
12 noon CNPC Welcome Lunch
12 noon Interfraternity Council
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1:30 pm AAUP Exec. Board
2 pm CPACS
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7 pm Impact Play/Campus Crusade

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1 pm Career Exploration
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6 pm Faculty Women's Club
7 pm ROSAS
7 pm College Democrats
8:30 am Circle K

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to suggest otherwise) he is still responsible for the decisions he makes. In our system of accountability, no company CEO or employee would be forgiven such a costly error. Why should we hold a president any less responsible for events that take our loved ones into war and deplete our national treasury? We must be able to trust what we are told, and if it's not dishonesty, it's incompetence. Regardless, neither condition offers appropriate credentials to run this country.

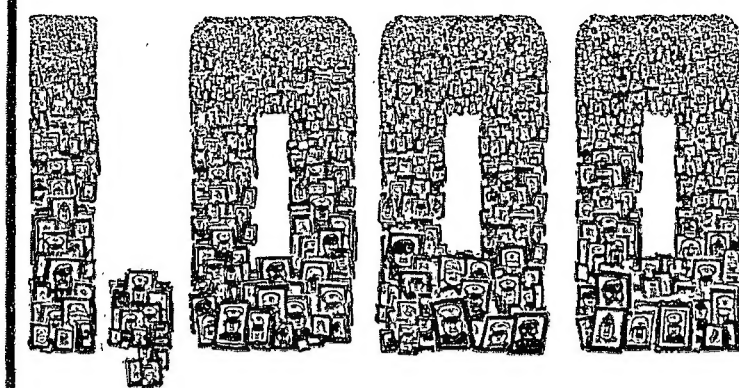
It may not take a rocket scientist, but it does take a couple oilmen to appreciate that Iraq has the second greatest supply of oil in the world. Even if a person manages to steal an election or two, still they are only president for eight years, and there must be

wealth and power after politics.

So, if the topic of "flip-flopping" is to be broached, just like any discussion about "honorable military service," Bush and Kerry had both better be careful.

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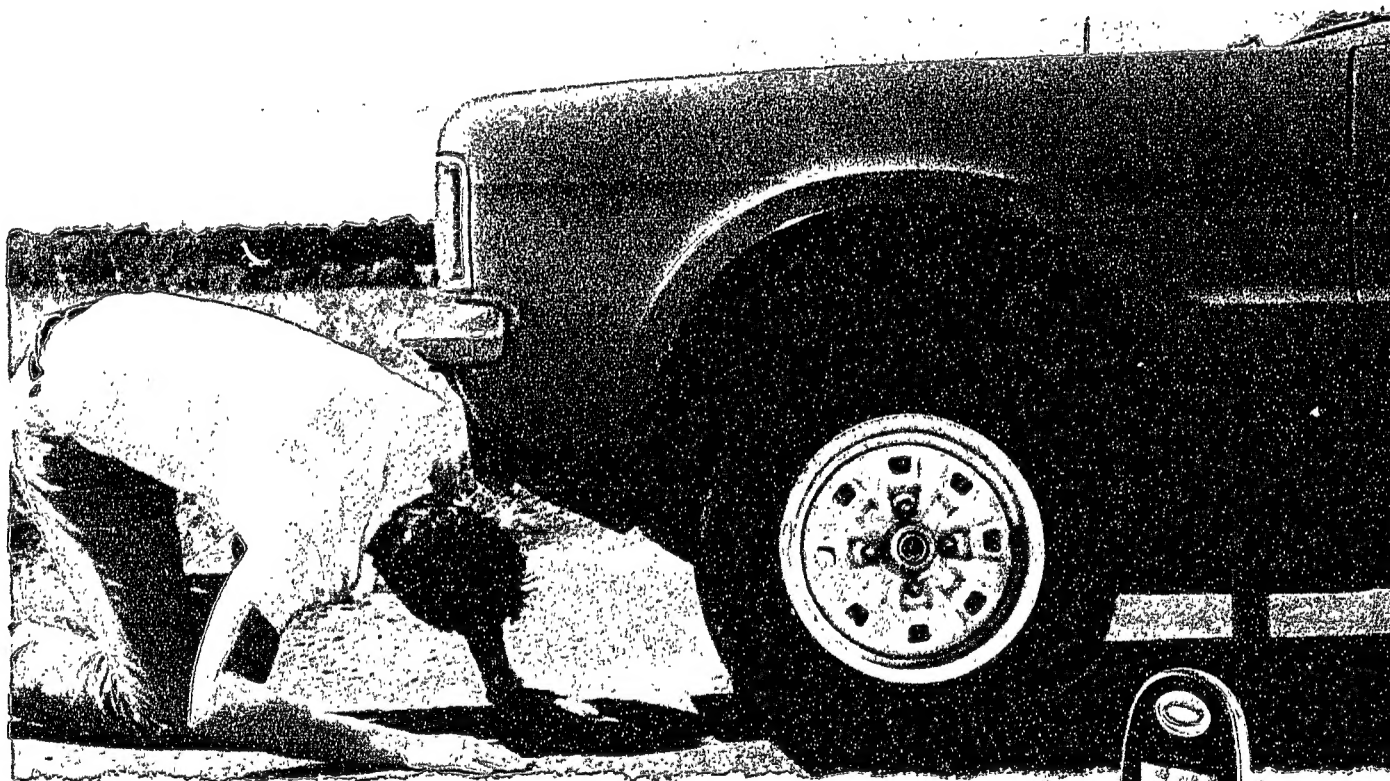
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